

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
4 COMMISSION,

5 Plaintiff

6 v.

7 JOHN F. THOMAS [aka JOHN RODGERS,
8 JONATHAN WEST, JOHN FRANK, and
9 JOHN MARSHALL], THOMAS BECKER,
10 DOUGLAS MARTIN, PAUL HANSON,
11 DAMIAN OSTERTAG, EINSTEIN SPORTS
12 ADVISORY, LLC, QSA, LLC,
13 VEGAS BASKETBALL CLUB, LLC,
14 VEGAS FOOTBALL CLUB, LLC,
15 WELLINGTON SPORTS CLUB, LLC,
16 WELSCORP, INC., and EXECUTIVE
17 FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.,

18 Defendants

Case No.: 2:19-cv-01515-APG-VCF

**ORDER GRANTING FINAL
JUDGMENT AS TO VEGAS
BASKETBALL CLUB, LLC**

[ECF No. 94]

14 This matter came before the Court upon Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission's
15 ("SEC") Motion for Default Judgments against Defendants: (1) John F. Thomas, aka John
16 Rodgers, Jonathan West, John Frank, and John Marshall; (2) Thomas Becker; (3) Einstein Sports
17 Advisory, LLC; (4) QSA, LLC; (5) Vegas Basketball Club, LLC; (6) Vegas Football Club, LLC;
18 (7) Wellington Sports Club, LLC; (8) Welscorp, Inc.; (9) Paul Hanson; and (10) Executive
19 Financial Services, Inc., made pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(b). The Court
20 having considered the memoranda and evidence filed by the parties, and all other argument and
21 evidence presented to it, and good cause appearing therefor, GRANTS the SEC's Motion and
22 enters this Final Judgment against Vegas Basketball Club, LLC ("Defendant").

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I.

I HEREBY ORDER that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], by using any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

I FURTHER ORDER that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant’s officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone described in (a).

II.

I FURTHER ORDER that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] in the offer or sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

- 1 (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- 2 (b) to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact
- 3 or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements
- 4 made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;
- 5 or
- 6 (c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or
- 7 would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

8 I FURTHER ORDER that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the

9 foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by

10 personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and

11 attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone

12 described in (a).

13 III.

14 I FURTHER ORDER that Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from

15 violating Section 5 of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77e] by, directly or indirectly, in the

16 absence of any applicable exemption:

- 17 (a) Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, making use of any
- 18 means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce
- 19 or of the mails to sell such security through the use or medium of any prospectus
- 20 or otherwise;
- 21 (b) Unless a registration statement is in effect as to a security, carrying or causing to
- 22 be carried through the mails or in interstate commerce, by any means or
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1 instruments of transportation, any such security for the purpose of sale or for
2 delivery after sale; or

3 (c) Making use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in
4 interstate commerce or of the mails to offer to sell or offer to buy through the use
5 or medium of any prospectus or otherwise any security, unless a registration
6 statement has been filed with the Commission as to such security, or while the
7 registration statement is the subject of a refusal order or stop order or (prior to the
8 effective date of the registration statement) any public proceeding or examination
9 under Section 8 of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77h].

10 I FURTHER ORDER that, as provided in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(d)(2), the
11 foregoing paragraph also binds the following who receive actual notice of this Final Judgment by
12 personal service or otherwise: (a) Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and
13 attorneys; and (b) other persons in active concert or participation with Defendant or with anyone
14 described in (a).

15 IV.

16 I FURTHER ORDER that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the
17 purposes of enforcing the terms of this Final Judgment.

18 V.

19 There being no just reason for delay, under Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil
20 Procedure, the Clerk is ordered to enter this Final Judgment forthwith and without further notice.

21 DATED: November 20, 2020.

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23 ANDREW P. GORDON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE